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SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF MOZAMBIQUE TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

- 1. WEEKEND LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (MTG) SENDING DELEGATION TO WHO ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY STARTING MAY 13. MTG DELEGATION, LED BY FRELIMO'S PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES, DR. HELDER MARTINS, WILL REQUEST ADMISSION TO THIS SESSION OF WHO'S CURRENT ASSEMBLY AS FULL PARTICIPANTS IN ORDER TO PUT FORWARD THEIR REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP AT THIS SESSION RATHER THAN WAITING A YEAR.
- 2. IN AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT HELDER MARTINS SAID "WE THINK THAT TEN YEARS OF ARMED STRUGGLE CONSTITUTES A STRONG AND VALID ARGUMENT FOR OUR PARTICIPATION" IN THE WHO MEETING "NOT ONLY AS OBSERVERS BUT ALSO IN ORDER TO REQUEST ADMISSION". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EM RECOMMENDATION: MOZAMBIQUE IS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT ON JUNE 25. ONE OF ITS MOST PRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC NEEDS IS HEALTH. MEDICAL CARE FOR OVER EIGHT MILLION MOZAMBICANS LIVING IN RURAL AREAS, WHICH UNDER COLONIAL RULE WAS MINIMAL, IS NOW PRACTICALLY BROKEN DOWN. FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND NUMBER OF TOP FRELIMO OFFICIALS STARTED THEIR CAREERS AS MALE NURSES AND ARE PASSIONATELY INTERESTED IN MASS HEALTH PROBLEMS. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT IF THERE IS A VOTE, U.S. STICK WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF WHO ASSEMBLY IN VOTING FOR SOME SORT OF ADMISSION OF MTG DELEGATION AS PARTICIPANTS

CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OUR STATEMENT AND VOTING SHOULD SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE'S ADMISSION TO ORGANIZATION AS OF JUNE 25. FOR U.S. TO BE ISOLATED IN NOT WELCOMING MOZAMBIQUE TO WHO WOULD SIMPLY BE INCOMPREHENSIBLE IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD. WALKER

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